IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

EARL ALLEN LEWIS,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
	Docket No. 3:13-CV-0007	
RICKY CHANDLER, et al.) Judge Sharp	
) Magistrate Knowles	
Defendants.)	
EARL ALLEN LEWIS,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
,)	
v.)	
) Docket No. 3:13-CV-0111	
KENNETH BROWN, et al.) Judge Haynes	
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Defendants.)	
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This matter comes before the Court on the parties Motion to Consolidate for Discovery. The parties' Motion is GRANTED. The Court finds that these cases contain common questions of fact. Therefore, the cases of <u>Lewis v. Chandler, et al.</u>, Docket No. 3:13-CV-0007, and <u>Lewis v. Brown, et al.</u>, Docket No. 3:13-CV-0111, are hereby consolidated as follows for the purposes of conducting pretrial discovery:

1. These cases shall be consolidated from the date of entry of this order until the completion of discovery for the purposes of conducting any further discovery, including depositions of parties and witnesses, supplementation of written discovery and Rule 26(a)(1) initial disclosures, and as to disclosure of experts pursuant to Rule 26(a)(2).

- 2. As concerns the parties of <u>Lewis v. Brown</u>, et al, the prohibitions on rebuttal experts and discovery depositions of expert witnesses found in their Initial Case Management Order (<u>D.E. 30</u>) are hereby lifted.
- 3. The parties to both actions may exchange all records produced in discovery and obtained pursuant to any authorizations to obtain medical and related records.
- 4. To facilitate consolidation of discovery, the following scheduling deadlines shall apply in both cases:
 - a. Deadline for written discovery and all witness depositions, including expert witness depositions: June 30, 2014.
 - b. Deadline for Plaintiff to disclose expert witnesses pursuant to Rule 26(a)(2):
 March 14, 2014.
 - c. Deadline for Defendants to disclose expert witnesses pursuant to Rule 26(a)(2): May 30, 2014.
 - d. Deadline for disclosure of rebuttal experts: June 16, 2014.

These deadlines supplant the corresponding deadlines of any prior entered case management order applicable to the parties of either action.

- 5. As <u>Lewis v. Chandler, et al</u> has been referred to Magistrate Knowles for case management purposes, <u>Lewis v. Brown, et al</u> is hereby also referred to Magistrate Knowles to hear all discovery disputes.
- 6. The seal on the certified copy of Plaintiff's Social Security Disability File obtained by Counsel for Defendant Brown pursuant to a release executed by Plaintiff in Lewis v. Brown, et al may be broken for the purposes of supplying all parties with copies of these records.

Despite the breaking of the seal, the records shall be treated as being under seal for the purposes of any applicable Rules of Evidence.

It is so **ORDERED**.

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United States District Judge

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